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1. ON MAY 22 AMBASSADOR ANTONIO BELAUNDE MOREYA, CHIEF MARITIME SOVEREIGNTY, IN FOREIGN MINISTRY SHOWED EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 22 AIDE-MEMOIRE FROM SOVIET EMBASSY TO MINISTRY WHICH CONFIRMED, IN ESSENTIALS, INFORMATION REPORTED LIMA 3545. BELAUNDE SAID AIDE-MEMOIRE FORMED BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR ALFONSO ARIAS SCHREIBER, LEADING MEMBER OF GOP LOS TEAM, AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR KOLASSOVSKIY.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER WAS ABLE ONLY TO GLANCE AT DOCUMENT, BUT NOTED THAT IF MADE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST:

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A) USSR DOES NOT ACCEPT ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY
BEYOND 12 MILES;

B) NONETHELESS, USSR PREPARED TO ACCEPT COASTAL STATE
ECONOMIC ZONE TO 200 MILES;

C) ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING QUID PRO
QUO, IT EXPRESSES HOPE THAT PERU (AND OTHER LDCS)
WILL "CONCEDE" TO FOREIGN FISHERMEN THE RIGHT TO
FISH EXCESS CATCH BEYOND THAT WHICH COASTAL STATE
CAPABLE OF EXPLOITING, IN RETURN FOR A "MODERATE
PAYMENT;"

D) STRAITS - MENTIONS SOVIET POSITION ON "FREE TRANSIT"
THROUGH STRAITS, BUT DOES NOT FURNISH DETAILS;

E) DEEP SEA BED - EMPHASIZES NEED TO SHARE RESOURCES
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROVIDE "SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO
THE POSITION OF THE LDC'S."

3. BELAUNDE REITERATED ARIAS SCHREIBER'S VIEW THAT PERU HAD NOT
AGREED TO SOVIET POSITION, AND ADDED THAT THERE IS STILL
FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ON 200-MILE
ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY. HOWEVER, SOVIET MOVE HAD BEEN
GREETED BY VARIOUS LATIN COUNTRIES AS VERY POSITIVE STEP
TOWARD 200-MILERS' POSITION WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN SOVIET
BARGAINING DURING LOS CONFERENCE. BELAUNDE THEN ASKED
ABOUT STATUS OF US LEGISLATION ON 200-MILE LIMIT AND
EMBASSY OFFICER REPLIED, DRAWING ON REF AIRGRAM, THAT
ADMINISTRATION IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY UNILATERAL EXTENSION
OF TERRITORIAL SEA, BOTH BECAUSE IT CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL
LAW AND IS ALSO ONE OF THE QUESTIONS TO BE RESOLVED AT LOS
CONFERENCE. BELAUNDE THEN NOTED THAT IF USG DOES NOT ACCEPT
BROAD RESOURCE JURISDICTION AT CARACAS, SOVIET CHANGE ON ECONOMIC
ZONE WILL PLACE USG IN MOST AWKWARD POSITION.

4. IN REGARD TO SPECIFICS OF SOVIET POSITION, BELAUNDE GAVE
EMBASSY OFFICER COPY OF DRAFT ARTICLES FOR 200-MILE
ECONOMIC ZONE TABLED DURING NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS APRIL 17-20,
IN PERSONAL CAPACITY, BY BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE PROF.
ALEXANDER YANKOV, WHOM BELAUNDE CONSIDERS SOVIET "STALKING
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HORSE." DRAFT ARTICLES SPELL OUT SPECIFIC ECONOMIC ZONE
USES, INCLUDING COASTAL STATE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS,
AS WELL AS REGULATIONS FOR EXPLOITATION BY FOREIGNERS
WITHIN ECONOMIC ZONE. EMBASSY POUCHING SPANISH LANGUAGE
TEXT OF DRAFT ARTICLES TO D/LOS.
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